

**WIFE CHARITABLE**  
**VISALIA, CALIF. (U.P.)**—Because he charged, his wife obeyed a religious cult's injunction to "sell what you have and give to the poor." Osborne Holt of Porterville today sought a divorce from Mrs. Fannie Holt. He also sought custody of their children.



**Hints For  
 The Amateur Gardener**

By Harry Nelson

Through an arrangement with Harry Nelson, Los Angeles gardening expert, the Herald will offer each week a timely article on the proper planting and cultivation of seasonable flowers. Mr. Nelson will answer all questions relating to gardening, either through this column or by direct communication. Persons who wish prompt and personal answers to their questions must enclose a stamped self-addressed envelope with their communication to insure a reply. Questions may be sent to this office to be forwarded to Mr. Nelson.

The month of November is the best time to plant the early flowering sweetpeas. Torrance is especially well adapted to the growth of these annuals and the largest of blooms may be grown here. If you are looking for the utmost in flowers, try the following formula. Remove the soil from the selected spot, which is preferably in full sun, the depth of the spade. If you have well-rotted cow manure, work some in the bottom of the trench you have made and be sure you turn over the soil in the bottom of the trench to another depth of the spade. At the same time work in about two pounds of hydrated lime, five pounds of bonemeal, and three pounds of Toro sulphur. These amounts are for a row 30 feet in length.

**Lime Sweetens Soil**  
 The hydrated lime will give the soil the "sweetness" it often needs and that the flowers desire and the bonemeal will add the necessary fertilizer. Toro sulphur is a soil purifier and adds a bacteria that is of benefit. It has proven a great help and is worth a trial. For the row 30 feet long, you will need one ounce of seed. Be sure and get good seed even if you have to pay a bit more for it. Seed true to type and of good germination is essential. Along with the above mixture the grower of fine sweetpeas may use the inoculator handled by all dealers.

It adds a bacteria that takes nitrogen from the air for the use of the plants.

**Irrigate Sweetpeas**

Never water the plants of sweetpeas; always irrigate. When the top soil is put back on top of the mixture, leave a small depression in the center of the trench about a half inch in depth. Run water in the depression until it is thoroughly soaked. When the water has sunk out of sight, the seed may be placed there, just pushing it in a bit, about four inches apart. Place dry soil on the top of them and they should germinate with just that one watering. In very dry weather it may be necessary to water once but this is not usual. When the seedlings come through, draw the soil up around them to a height of one inch, leaving a small trench on each side of the row. These small trenches may be used for irrigation when it is necessary or about twice a week.

Now for a good choice of colors and we must remember that they should be chosen for length of stem, beauty and lasting qualities. Harmony is an old variety that has never been surpassed in a lavender. Grahder is a fine new red and Valencia is also a new one in a sun-proof orange. White Rose is fine and for the blue we can use Blue Bannet. Mrs. Calvin Coolidge is a good pink. Each packet of seed will plant six feet. Other good colors are, Othello, a maroon; Torch, salmon-orange; Hercules, another good pink; and Oriental, a fine cream. This last is as close to a yellow as we can get.

**Soda For Blooms**

After this month we plant the Standard Giants and we will discuss them when they are due to be planted. While on the subject of sweetpeas, it might be well to state that nitrate of soda may be used on them when the plants do not seem to be giving as many flowers as they were. Use about a coffee-cup full to a 30-foot row. It is very strong so do not get it on the plants. Water immediately after an application.

Perennial sweetpeas may be planted this month and do not make the soil too rich for them or they will run to foliage and not bloom much. The first application of manure is enough until well along in their season of bloom. There is also a low-growing kind known as Cupid sweetpeas. They do not get over a foot in height and are used as a border or to cover an unsightly spot temporarily.

This also is the last month to plant tulips and hyacinths and it is the best time. Be sure to try some and to also plant some ranunculus. They are easily grown and make a cut flower that is hard to beat. Anemones are planted at this time and are somewhat like the ranunculus.

**Consolidation  
 of Departments  
 Found Feasible**

Consolidation of the Los Angeles city health department with the county health department has been found feasible, it was learned today at the Hall of Records. This is the result of a preliminary survey by the county bureau of efficiency, it was learned.

The survey also shows that the consolidation would be an economy move for the city, and these points will be set forth in a detailed report now being prepared for the board of supervisors. The proposal, first advanced when Mayor Frank L. Shaw was supervisor some months ago, is expected to be ready for city and county officials to act upon by the first of the year, it was learned. In the meantime, no further information will be given out other than that it is "feasible and economical," it was stated.

**Dynamite Cache  
 Found On Banks  
 of Nigger Slough**

Residents on all sides have complained of the strong smell of Nigger Slough, but no one quite realized that anything as powerful as dynamite reposed there.

Investigators from the sheriff's department today were trying to trace ownership of 50 pounds of the explosive, found on the banks of the slough near the Ryan flying field on South Main street, reported by a citizen.

Discovered late last week, the dynamite, with labels intact, was ordered destroyed. Possibility that it had been cached there by safecrackers was the deputies' best guess. It had been carefully hidden and covered to protect it from rain and dampness.

Nearly residents have tried unsuccessfully to define the various smells, or mixtures of smells, that waft over the countryside from the stagnant waters of the slough. Their best reckoning, before hearing of the dynamite element, was that it was a conglomeration of unrefined oil, stale sea water, bird baths, rodents that had been bitten by mosquitoes around the slough and died, and flooded cow-pastures.

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